

In the Specification

Any amendments that represent additions to the specification are underlined and any amendments that represent deletions to the specification are presented either within double brackets or as struckthrough text:

Please amend the text between page 3, line 21 and page 4, line 12 as follows:

Referring to FIG. 1A, a typical imaging device 100 (a boroscope in the illustrative embodiment) according to the invention is illustrated, such as is sold by Everest VIT® of Flanders, New Jersey. Such a device could include, as shown in the illustrative embodiment, a portable shipping/operating case 110, which includes a power supply 120 for the device and a light source, such as a metal halide arc lamp (not shown). The shipping/operating case [[100]] 110 is shown in operative communication with a handpiece 140 by means of a tethered cable 130. The handpiece 140 can include, by way of example, an LCD monitor 150 (which displays images seen by the imaging device 100), a user interface that includes a joystick control 145 (for articulating a distal end 170 of the imaging device 100), as well as a set of actuable or depressible buttons 143 (for accessing measurement and digital imaging controls associated with the imaging device 100). The handpiece 140 also is connected to an insertion tube 160, which terminates in a distal end 170. As used herein, the term "distal" shall mean "in the direction of the tip of the boroscope, furthest from the handpiece 140." The distal end 170 of the insertion tube 160 is shown attached to a tip 172 (discussed in greater detail later). The insertion tube 160 can be sized according to the desired application, by varying a diameter and a length of the insertion tube 160. The insertion tube 160 can

include, for example, a durable tungsten braid overlaying a stainless steel monocoil for crush resistance, and one or more layers of a polyurethane sealant for protection from liquids and vapors. The interior of the insertion tube 160 (not shown) can include standard imager lines and communication/control means, such as fiber-optic cables and articulation wires extending through the tube to the handpiece 140 permitting illumination from the light source and articulation control of the insertion tube via the joystick 145.

Please amend page 4, lines 27-32 as follows:

Referring to FIG. 2A and FIG. 2B, an exemplary tip tool 200 according to the present invention is illustrated. The illustrated tip tool 200 is shown as a generally cylindrical, hollow body, though tip tools in accordance with the present invention may be constructed with any desired geometry. For example, the geometry of the tip tool may be selected based on the geometry of the tip to be manipulated, by ergonomic considerations, or by aesthetic preference.